

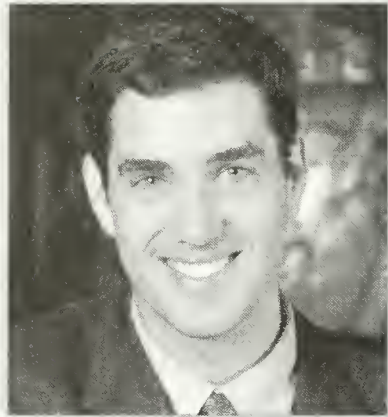
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Happy Hanukkah

Cantor Lefkowitz has repeatedly raised the bar



"I am neither a musician nor an expert on music. But the [shattering] experience of music has been a challenge to my thinking on ultimate issues. I spend my life working with thoughts. And one problem that gives me no rest is: Do these thoughts ever rise to the heights reached by authentic music?"

Of late, I have found myself returning to these words, penned by Abraham Joshua Heschel in his stirring essay "The Vocation of a Cantor." The announcement by our beloved Cantor David Lefkowitz of his upcoming retirement has turned my thoughts to the transformative power of music for a synagogue community. Since arriving at Park Avenue Synagogue in 1976, Cantor Lefkowitz has repeatedly

raised the bar for the Cantorate, composing prolifically, rescuing and editing important synagogue music from a variety of periods and styles, all the while leading our community in prayer. His achievements have received national and international acclaim and he has mentored countless students as a faculty member of the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College. That he has done all this, all the while actively and compassionately serving our congregational family, is enough to make us all marvel at the enormity of his impact.

On a personal level, I will forever hold a personal debt to Cantor Lefkowitz as he continues to guide me in my first year of congregational life. In the years ahead, I will always reflect on the far too brief privilege of sharing the Park Avenue bimah with him. I look forward to years of continued friendship, and I do hope that our entire congregation takes full advantage of every Shabbat in the coming year to be led in prayer by our adored Cantor.

In his essay in our 125th Anniversary volume, Cantor Lefkowitz approvingly cites the words of Rabbi Milton Steinberg on the tasks of the Cantor: "The preservation of the past of Jewish music;

the adaptation of it to the musical present; the stimulation of new Jewish music and creativity." Cantor Lefkowitz has excelled in every aspect of his vocation as a Cantor. So too, he has provided for us the litmus test by which to chart out our future. As did Cantor Putterman before him, Cantor Lefkowitz has succeeded in striking the balance between loyalty to the Cantorial tradition and an unflinching commitment to musical creativity. Park Avenue Synagogue's continued reputation as the premier site of Jewish liturgical music will be found in our ongoing dedication to fulfilling this sacred task. It is my deepest hope that the Torah taught and prayers expressed from our bimah continue to cause our community to rise to ever higher heights.

Our gratitude to Cantor and Mrs. Lefkowitz for their contributions to the Park Avenue family is beyond expression. Let's wish them much mazel and every success as they celebrate this new chapter in their lives. Let's also be sure to savor each Shabbat of the coming year. Most of all, we must commit as a community to continue the sacred charge of our musical tradition in the years ahead.

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Candle lighting: 4:10 pm
 5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat
 5:45 pm Family Friendly Shabbat Dinner
 6:15 pm Friday Night Special Musical
 Shabbat Service
 Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, December 6 Kislev 9

Parashat Vayetzei
 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
*Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa First,
 daughter of Rachael and Mark First*
 9:30 am Havurah Service
 10:15 am Nitzanim Service
 10:15 am Jr. Congregation
 4:30 pm Mincha

Friday, December 12 Kislev 15

Candle lighting: 4:11 pm
 6:15 pm Friday Night Special Musical
 Shabbat Service
 Adult Education Dinner:
 "Tradition and Change at 50"

Saturday, December 13 Kislev 16

Parashat Vayishlach
 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
*Bat Mitzvah of Julia Ringler,
 daughter of Keren and Yves Ringler*
 10:00 am Zimriya
 4:30 pm Mincha

Sunday, December 14 Kislev 17

11:00 am Project Ezra Brunch

Friday, December 19 Kislev 22

Candle lighting: 4:13 pm
 6:15 pm Sanctuary Service

Saturday, December 20 Kislev 23

Parashat Vayeshev
 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
 4:30 pm Mincha

Sunday, December 21 Kislev 24

Chanukah: 1 Candle

Monday, December 22 Kislev 25

Chanukah: 2 Candles

Tuesday, December 23 Kislev 26

Chanukah: 3 Candles

Wednesday, December 24 Kislev 27

Chanukah: 4 Candles

Thursday, December 25 Kislev 28

Chanukah: 5 Candles
 Legal Holiday
 Office Closed

Friday, December 26 Kislev 29

Chanukah: 6 Candles
 Office Closed
 Candle lighting: 4:17 pm
 6:15 pm Sanctuary Service

Saturday, December 27 Kislev 30

Parashat Miketz
Rosh Chodesh Tevet
 Chanukah: 7 Candles
 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
 4:35 pm Mincha

Sunday, December 28 Tevet 1

Rosh Chodesh Tevet
 Chanukah: 8 Candles

Monday, December 29 Tevet 2

Chanukah: 8th Day



Hanukkah 5769

First Candle, December 21

Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the army of the Syrians in the fourth century B.C.E., after which the Temple was rededicated. According to Talmudic legend, when the Maccabees entered the Temple only enough oil for one day remained—yet the flame of the menorah continued to burn for eight days, until new pure oil could be prepared. And so the rabbis decreed that the holiday would be observed by kindling lights for eight days.

The Hanukkah menorah, called a *hanukkiyah*, has nine candle holders—one for the candle for each night of Hanukkah; and the ninth, called the *shamash*, usually higher than the others, for lighting the other candles.

The candles are placed in the *hanukkiyah* from right to left. The *shamash* is lit first and then is used to light the other candles. On the first night, we light one candle, and then each succeeding night, one additional candle; the newest one first, from left to right.

NOTE, the image above is an adaptation of a *hanukkiyah* candle detail from the Adolph Gottlieb Park Avenue Synagogue stained glass windows.

EXCEPT AS NOTED

Daily Minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am;
 Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.

Mincha Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.

Hashkama Saturdays and Yom Tov at 7:30 am.

Information is subject to change.
 Confirm at www.pasyn.org or with the office.

Bring Meaning to your Membership: A Message from Two Officers

By: Rachael First, Board Secretary and Marlene Muskin, Board Assistant Treasurer



Our Chairman, Steven M. Friedman, has given each Officer the responsibility to oversee our various Committees and Arms, and wants to use this page each month to let the congregation know more about what we do and to encourage you to participate.

As Officers asked to oversee Membership and Arms, we analyzed our goals and want to share our thinking with the congregation. Unlike organizations in which the job of the Membership Committee is simply to increase the number of members, we have a different concept. At Park Avenue Synagogue, the Membership Committee is here to help our current and new congregants connect with the Synagogue community and clergy in a more meaningful way.

Synagogues mean connections: the connection to our religious and spiritual selves and community, the connection to a learning community, the connection to a community within which we can repair the world and our connection to the larger social community.

Religious life is at the very heart of our Synagogue. What could be more meaningful than beginning each day with the morning minyan or regularly participating in Friday night and Shabbat morning services? Lose yourself in the passion and the intimacy of a *Havurah* service. Study with the Rabbis, learn at the Shabbaton and sing at the musicales. Enjoy the many festivals and feasts we celebrate with joy at P.A.S. Dance with the Torah, boo Hamen, laugh with the Purim Spiel, throw bean bags at the Purim Carnival, attend a community Hanukkah party and eat with your friends in a Sukkah.

The pursuit of knowledge brings understanding to one's life and understanding brings meaning to one's life. Learn within a community of your peers who are also seeking understanding and

knowledge. Join old and new friends in the many classes offered by the Synagogue. There are Hebrew language classes for all levels of proficiency. Take a class that explores text or prepares you for a holiday celebration. Become familiar with the Siddur and Shabbat morning prayers. Join the Book Club. Attend the Film Festival.

The Talmud says, "On three things the world stands: On justice, on truth and on peace." Every congregant is automatically a member of the *Tikkun Olam* Committee. *Tikkun Olam* means "to repair the world." Do your part to repair the world. Participate in our annual Mitzvah Day. Help provide for those in need by supporting the High School Food Pantry. Support American Jewish soldiers stationed in the Middle East. Support Israeli soldiers standing guard in Israel.

Mark Zborowski and Elizabeth Herzog wrote a book (published in 1952) called "Life is with People." There is no better way to make that point. Our Synagogue is full of people who are full of life. Our Arms offer the opportunity to make strong and important social connections. Whatever your age or stage of life there is a Synagogue group waiting for you to join them: Parent Associations, Young Couples Club, Women's Evening Group, Sisterhood, Men's Club, the Singles Committee and the Israel Committee. All of the Arms have rich and rewarding programming. But, more important than the programming, when you join you will be connecting with fellow congregants in enriching and meaningful ways. This year the Synagogue is offering an unprecedented, unparalleled and extraordinary opportunity to spend time with our new Senior Rabbi and his wife, Debbie (and fellow congregants) in a series of small and intimate gatherings. We want each and every congregant to feel that Rabbi Cosgrove is his or her Rabbi. We urge you to take advantage of this chance to get to know the Rabbi and his wife. The guest lists are being organized in reverse alphabetical order. These coffee and dessert receptions began in October and will continue till the end of June. If we have not yet reached the letter of the alphabet of your last name, be on the lookout for your invitation for your specific date.

Whether you are seeking religious services, a renewed sense of spirit or a soul mate, whether it's involvement in community service and *Tikkun Olam*, whether it's re-establishing yourself in a new community, meeting new friends, or learning to raise children with Jewish values, we want you to do it here with us at Park Avenue Synagogue. We want each Synagogue experience to be as meaningful as it can be. We have a dedicated clergy, staff and lay leadership waiting to help you find the meaning and connection you seek.

This is an invitation to make your Synagogue experience more meaningful. Do something new this year. Any of the people on the following list will be glad to welcome you:

Life Long Learning

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Holiday Sundays are set aside to offer multiple events for family members of all ages—from hands-on art workshops, to performances and text study with our rabbis. Gain new insights and create new rituals for our oldest traditions.

Hanukkah Extravaganza!

Sunday, December 7

Hanukkah Family Art Workshop

Sunday, December 7 | 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ellen Alt and Sarah Gribetz, instructors

Help create our holiday lobby installation. Everyone—of all ages—is invited. Be prepared to get your hands dirty.

"Mai Hanukkah?" What is Hanukkah?

Sunday, December 7 | 10:00–10:45 am

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, instructor

Join Rabbi Cosgrove to explore Hanukkah history and meaning in rabbinic literature. How has the message of Hanukkah transformed over time and what is its relevance for Jewry today?

A Look at the Books of the Maccabees

Sunday, December 7 | 11:15 am–12:00 pm

Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructor

How did the Jews at the time of the Maccabees in the succeeding few generations view the events that happened to them? We will discover viewpoints and experiences of Jews from that time. Among other things we may answer the question: "Why is kindling lamps the central ritual of Hanukkah?"

Hanukkah Musicale

Sunday, December 7 | 12:30 pm

Featuring Cantors David Lefkowitz and Nancy Abramson, the Congregational Singers and Manhattan HaZamir, the International Jewish teen choir. This group is a project of the renowned Zamir Choral Foundation, which brings together high school-age students as part of a world-wide community as they sing and connect to Jewish culture.

**Friday Night Special
Musical Shabbat Service**
INCLUDING Children's
Birthday Service
December 5 | 6:15 pm

Shabbat Dinner Series #2

"Tradition and Change at 50" | Speaker: Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove
Friday, December 12 | following 6:15 pm Service | \$ ⑥

The defining book of the Conservative Movement, "Tradition and Change," edited by Mordecai Waxman, was published in 1958. As the book turns 50 we will examine how, and if, it continues to resonate today, in the 21st century. The book will be distributed to those registered for the dinner. Rabbi Cosgrove will lead a course in the winter to further delve into this topic.

\$ ⑥ **Contact** Sarah Gribetz at sgribetz@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, ext. 142. Reservations required for dinner: \$35/person.

Our Shabbat Dinner Series provides congregants with an opportunity to join together for a Musical Kabbalat Shabbat, to share a Shabbat meal as a community and to hear from noted scholars and rabbis on topics of interest.

SERVICES ABOVE ARE SUPPORTED BY THE JOHN AND JENNIFER MONSKY MUSICAL TRADITIONS FUND

Park Avenue Synagogue Gala 2009

The Gala has come home!

Saturday, February 28, 2009

7:30 pm | Cocktails

8:30 pm | Dinner Dance

Please note, in recognition of the current economic climate the venue has been changed to P.A.S.

Get Involved. Join the Gala Committee. Help to plan and work together on this major celebration honoring past Chairman Amy A.B. Bressman and celebrating our community.

Contact the P.A.S. Offices at 212-369-2600 or Marcia Eppler Colvin mecolvin@aol.com; Lynn Halbfinger lmhalb@aol.com; Nancy Hirschtritt hirschtrittn@ujafedny.org.

LIGHT THE LAST CANDLE TOGETHER
Celebrate Hanukkah at our Congregational Party
Sunday, December 28 | 4:00–7:00 pm | \$ ⑥

For a joyous culmination to the holiday, come to the Congregational Hanukkah Party at the synagogue. Members and their families and friends are cordially invited. Plans include candle lighting, traditional foods, singing, music and Israeli dancing. The cost is \$7.50 per adult and \$20 per family.

\$ ⑥ *This year's Communal Hanukkah Celebration is being co-sponsored by the Men's Club and the Women's Evening Group. Evelyn Gelman, Susan Lerner and Dennis Karr are co-chairing the Hanukkah Events Committee. Congregants interested in serving on the committee should contact either Evelyn Gelman [evelyn@greatmeetingsandevents.com] or Susan Lerner [sglerner@rcn.com].*



Hanukkah Candle-lighting Prayers

Ba-ruch ata, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo tov, ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik neir shel Han-nuk-kah. Ba-ruch ata, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim las-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-ze-man ha-zah. Ba-ruch ata, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-chya-nu ve-ki-ya-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu las-man-hazeh.

Men's Club**Hearing Men's Voices: "Money and God" | Tuesday, December 9 | 8:00 pm | ☎**

The PAS Men's Club is happy to announce that our award-winning HMV program will begin its fifth year with the highly relevant topic "Money and God." In view of our harsh economic realities, the Men's Club is offering its members this special discussion opportunity in our usual intimate small group format, again to be led by our member Dr. Zane Liff.

☎ Advance registration is necessary. Please call Naomi Lipnick at 212-369-2600, ext.121.

Project Ezra Brunch | Sunday December 14 | 11:00 am

This annual Hanukkah event has been a Park Avenue Synagogue tradition for over 25 years. It is sponsored by the Men's Club, with students from The Judah Nadich High School. We invite seniors from the Lower East Side to our Synagogue for a gala celebration. The students serve a festive meal and help entertain. The Men's Club and other synagogue members mingle and converse with our guests, who are given gifts made on Mitzvah Day. Highlights include music, entertainment and the lighting of the menorah.

For more information, contact Steve Weinfeld, at sweinl@aol.com.

P.A.S. Singles Committee**Hanukkah Party | Thursday December 18 | 6:30-8:30 pm | \$ ☎**

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, our guest speaker, will talk about Miracles. Stay tuned to the PAS Singles Website for further details. We expect a huge turnout and a very successful evening as usual. Our Sukkot Party in the gorgeous P.A.S. Sukkah attracted 150 single men and women.

\$ ☎ **For more information,** contact Vera Sullivan, at verasullivan@verizon.net.

P.A.S. Arms offer two opportunities for special tours of the Jewish Museum at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street. Join with Sisterhood on December 4 and WEG on December 11 for guided tours of an excellent exhibition.

Sisterhood**Visit to Jewish Museum | EXHIBITION, "Chagall and the Artists of the Russian Jewish Theater, (1919-1949)"**

Thursday, December 4 | 1:00 pm | \$ ☎

This exhibition is devoted to the extraordinary artwork created for Russian Jewish theater productions in the 1920s and the 1930s, including renowned murals by Marc Chagall. Paintings, costumes, set designs, posters, and film clips demonstrate the vibrant quality of Russian Jewish theater in its golden age. Sisterhood will have a guided tour of this wonderful exhibition. All are welcome, however space is limited.

\$ ☎ **R.S.V.P.** to Helene Agress at 212-362-1233. The cost is \$10 for seniors and \$12 for nonseniors. Meet the Sisterhood group in the lobby of the museum at 12:45 pm. Do not pay at the Admissions desk. A member of the Sisterhood will collect the admission fees and pay for the group.

Yiddish Club | Tuesday, December 16 | 1:00 pm

The Yiddish Club will hold its monthly meeting in the Rothschild Library. Coffee and cake will be served. Join us for Yiddish conversation and culture—poetry, stories, music, theater, and film. Hanukkah will be the theme of this meeting. Even if your Yiddish is very rusty, don't hesitate to come.

For more information and a schedule of meetings, please call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.

Daytime Book Discussion Group | Monday, December 22 | 11:00 am

Join us in the Rothschild Library for a discussion of "Fallen," by David Maine. This highly creative novel involves the biblical figure of Cain. Come have coffee and cake with us and exchange ideas about a fascinating book.

For a complete reading list and a schedule of meetings, please call Dr. Renee Waldinger at 212-860-4308. All are welcome to this group.

Sisterhood *continued*

Hanukkah Celebration | Tuesday, December 23 | 1:00 pm | *No charge*

Enjoy a Hanukkah party and a showing of the award-winning film "From Shtetl to Swing." This film demonstrates how the great figures of American popular music in the 20th century like Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Al Jolson, and Benny Goodman combined the spirit of Jewish music with the rhythms of African-American jazz. The fusion of these two musical cultures produced a vibrant form of musical entertainment that was uniquely American. The film is narrated by Harvey Fierstein and features performances by Berlin, Gershwin, Jolson, Goodman, Eddie Cantor, Sophie Tucker, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong, and many others. Join Sisterhood for this wonderful film and for a light lunch, including potato latkes. All are welcome.

WEG

Visit Marc Chagall at the Jewish Museum | Thursday, December 11 | 6:30 pm | \$ ⑥

Members of Women's Evening Group plan to visit the remarkable Marc Chagall exhibit at the Jewish Museum. Limited to twenty participants, this docent-led tour by Pat Davidson promises to be a memorable experience. For those who would like to have a light bite before the tour begins, please meet in the Cafe downstairs at 5:30 pm.

\$ ⑥ **To reserve your place**, please mail your check, made payable to "P.A.S. - WEG," to Women's Evening Group of Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th St., New York, NY 10128, Attention: Susan Lerner. Members: \$5; non-Members: \$16. Reservations accepted on a first come, first served basis. Want more information? Please call Beth Tannenbaum, evenings, at 212-734-7343.

Sponsored by WEG and Men's Club

Hanukkah Party For The Families Of The Congregation | Sunday, December 28 | 4:00 pm

Join with the congregation to light the last Hanukkah candle. See page 6 for details.

Young Couples Group

Young Couples Group Update

The Young Couples Group events and activities continue to be successful. Most recently, we held a Family Sukkah Brunch, which attracted about 50 families. We thank YCG members Jessie Harris and Aimee Zarabi, who did a fantastic job hosting the event, which was filled with food, friends and fun. We would also like to extend a huge "thank you" to Emily Gindi of the Acme Fish Co. for donating the smoked fish for the event. It was enjoyed by all.

Family Friendly Shabbat Dinner | Friday, December 5 | 5:00 pm | \$ ⑥

The Young Couples Group invites all families with young children (babies, toddlers, elementary-school age) to join this Shabbat evening full of food and fun. We will start with the Tot Kabbalat Shabbat service at 5:00 pm followed by a family-friendly dinner. YCG Members, \$42, Non-Members \$50, Children \$25, and children under 1, free.

\$ ⑥ **To R.S.V.P. or for more information**, please contact event co-chairs Lauren Furstenberg (laurenfurstenberg@yahoo.com), Emily Gindi (emily.gindi@gmail.com) or Amy Steiner (amy.steiner@yahoo.com).

Latke and Vodka Hanukkah Party | Wednesday, December 10 | 7:30 pm

Pricing and details TBA.

Contact lizzymarkus@nyc.rr.com or leighbait@aol.com.

שמחה

Celebrating a Simcha? A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast Kiddush any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

Contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600 or lschneider@pasyn.org.

December 6 | Alyssa First

Alyssa First is currently in the Seventh Grade at Horace Mann School which she has attended since Kindergarten. Alyssa particularly likes her math and science classes and playing on the Middle Division field hockey team. She loves being a big sister to her younger brother, Adam.

During the past four summers, Alyssa has been a camper at Camp Blue Ridge in Pennsylvania.

Park Avenue Synagogue has been part of Alyssa's life since she was a baby. She was named, 13 years ago, on the same bimah where she will become a Bat Mitzvah. She attended the Early Childhood Center and has been enrolled in the Congregational School since Gan. Last December, Alyssa and her family traveled with our synagogue community to Israel. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah in Israel, with her P.A.S. friends, was a highlight of the trip.

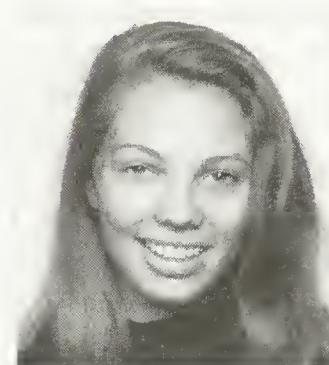
Alyssa would like to thank Rabbi Cosgrove, Rabbi Graetz, Cantor Lefkowitz, Cantor Abramson, Ronit Aranoff and all of her teachers for helping her to prepare for this special day.



December 13 | Julia Ringler

Proud to be a Bat Mitzvah, Julia first started at Park Avenue Early Childhood Center and has been an enthusiastic member of the Congregational School since Gan. Julia feels blessed to have benefited from the many special teachers through out her years at Park Avenue, all of whom have provided her with a framework to understand and appreciate her culture and traditions as well as her religious studies.

Currently a Seventh Grader at the Spence School, Julia enjoys a wide variety of academic subjects and sports. Fluent in French, Julia is learning Chinese, playing volleyball, on the Spence Choir, the Spence Dance Ensemble and the Asphalt Swim Team. Julia loves spending time with her friends and family. Julia thanks her brother, James, her parents and grandparents for their love and support. She also thanks Rabbi Cosgrove, Rabbi Graetz, Cantors Abramson and Lefkowitz, Ron Koas and Ronit Aranoff, for their help and encouragement in preparing her for this special day.



B'not Mitzvah

Rabbi David H. Lincoln attended a ceremony in Warsaw at the invitation of President of the Republic of Poland Lech Kaczynski. This was to honor Poles who saved Jews during the holocaust.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

Shereen Rutman, *on the loss of her father, Leon Gertel;*
Nan F. Rubin, *on the loss of her father, Paul Shalita;*
Tama L. Starr, *on the loss of her husband, Charles Portney.*

Note: if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600 or lschneider@pasyn.org.

Challenge and Future at P.A.S.

Ron Koas, Education Director

Over the past few months, Rabbi Graetz and I have worked together to create a unique experience for our B'nei Mitzvah students and their families. I am pleased to introduce you to *Etgar*, our 6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Program and *Atid*, our 7th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Program. Both programs are geared for children from our congregational school as well as for P.A.S. members who attend Jewish day school.

Etgar means "challenge," which is an appropriate name for a program that helps young people to become upward bound. *Atid* is a Hebrew word that connotes the future. We've chosen this name to describe a program that helps people to see themselves as part of a chain of Jewish continuity. Both *Etgar* and *Atid* symbolize our goal of having our family programs for this year encourage raising our sights and meeting the challenges of sophisticated and meaningful Jewish education for our maturing children.

Our latest *Etgar* meeting was devoted to the P.A.S. Bar/Bat Mitzvah Handbook and to the practical details of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience. This meeting provided the groundwork for fashioning the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbat in a way that will best express the desires of both parents and students for a meaningful family and Jewish experience.

The last *Atid* meeting was devoted to the topic "Living a Jewish Life Every Day". Parents and children explored how Jews reacted to the world around them in the past and in the present, and how this can be meaningful, in particular in relation to issues of the environment and social values.

It has been great for me to work with Rabbi Graetz as a team and I am confident that *Etgar* and *Atid* will provide meaningful and challenging learning experiences for our 6th and 7th Grade students.

Time to register for *HaMishpachah Sheli* and Jams for Winter/Spring semester beginning February 2.

Contact Sarah Gribetz at 212-369-2600 or e-mail for registration materials.

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, December 20 | Winter Break begins for Congregational School & High School

Monday, December 22 | Winter Break begins for *Ha Mishpachah Sheli* and Jams

Monday, January 5 | All classes resume



Do you know someone ill, elderly or homebound?

The P.A.S. Bikur Cholim Caring Committee—IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell*—reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call the Rabbi's office at 212-369-2600 ext.120.

Friday, December 5 | 5:00 pm | Tot Kabbalat Shabbat | Join us for Friday evening services for toddlers and children of pre-school age, parents, grandparents and friends. The Young Couples Group will have a family Shabbat dinner afterward. See page 8 for details. Make a reservation and enjoy Shabbat in the company of other families.

Friday, December 5 | 6:15 pm | December Birthday Celebration | Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with December birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate. **Contact** Rabbi Graetz's office for more information.

Wednesday, December 10 & Thursday, December 11 | Hanukkah Mitzvah | As a special Hanukkah Mitzvah project, WEG has organized a program of cookie baking to be given to residents at the Ronald McDonald House. Our *Gimel* and *Daled* students and parents will do the baking in school, on December 10 and 11.

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 5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat
 5:45 pm Family Friendly Shabbat Dinner
 6:15 pm Friday Night Special Musical
 Shabbat Service
 Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, December 6 Kislev 9
 Parashat Vayetzei
 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
 9:30 am Havurah Service
 10:15 am Nitzanim Service
 10:15 am Jr. Congregation

Sunday, December 7 Kislev 10
Hanukkah Extravaganza
 10:00 am Hanukkah Art Workshop
 10:00 am "Mai Hanukkah?" What is Hanukkah?/Rabbi Cosgrove
 11:15 am A Look at the Books of the Maccabees/Rabbi Graetz
 12:30 pm Hanukkah Musicales

Monday, December 8 Kislev 11
 No CS
 4:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, December 9 Kislev 12
 No CS

Friday, December 12 Kislev 15
 6:15 pm Friday Night Special Musical
 Shabbat Service
 Adult Education Dinner:
 "Tradition and Change at 50"

Saturday, December 13 Kislev 16
 Parashat Vayishlach
 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
 Bat Mitzvah of Julia Ringler, daughter of Keren and Yves Ringler
 10:00 am Zimriya

Sunday, December 14 Kislev 17
 10:30 am Ruach Program
 11:00 am Kadima Program
 11:00 am Project Ezra Brunch
 4:00 pm Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing

Monday, December 15 Kislev 18
 5:30 pm Zayin B'nei Mitzvah program

Thursday, December 18 Kislev 21
 Last Toddler Program

Friday, December 19 Kislev 22
 6:15 pm Sanctuary Service

Saturday, December 20 Kislev 23
 Parashat Vayeshev
 No CS or HS
 Winter Break Begins (to January 5)

Sunday, December 21 Kislev 24
 Chanukah: 1 Candle

Monday, December 22 Kislev 25
 Chanukah: 2 Candles
 Ha Mishpachah Sheli and Jams winter break begins

Tuesday, December 23 Kislev 26
 Chanukah: 3 Candles

Wednesday, December 24 Kislev 27
 Chanukah: 4 Candles

Thursday, December 25 Kislev 28
 Chanukah: 5 Candles
 Legal Holiday
 Office Closed

Friday, December 26 Kislev 29
 Chanukah: 6 Candles
 Office Closed
 Candle lighting: 4:17 pm
 6:15 pm Sanctuary Service

Saturday, December 27 Kislev 30
 Parashat Miketz
 Rosh Chodesh Tevet
 Chanukah: 7 Candles

Sunday, December 28 Tevet 1
 Rosh Chodesh Tevet
 Chanukah: 8 Candles
 4:00 pm Congregational Hanukkah Party

Monday, December 29 Tevet 2
 Chanukah: 8th Day

Wednesday, December 31 Tevet 4
 1:00 pm Office Closes



Israeli Film Series | "Metallic Blues" (2004) | Director, Dan Verete

Wednesday, December 10 | 7:00 pm

"Metallic Blues" is a touching and amazing tragicomic road-movie about two Israeli car dealers who risk it all in search of a better life, only to find out the most unexpected personal and historical truths. The opportunity of a lifetime has crossed paths with Shmuel and Siso—or so they think. They invest \$5,000 in a vintage 1985 Lincoln Continental Limousine and plan to sell it in Germany for \$50,000. A film about friendship and reconciliation surrounded with the memories of the dark days in the history of Germany and Israel.



P.A.S. Art Gallery—2nd Floor Mezzanine

"God's Vase" | Photographs by Rabbi Michael Graetz

Magnificent flowers in the Negev, Israel's desert. The intricate beauty of wild flowers attests to the glory of creation. Rabbi Michael Graetz imagines the Negev in the winter as God's vase, in which are displayed the color and the delicate beauty of the world of flowers.



Invitation to travel to Poland and Israel with Cantor Abramson

I hope you will join me (and 100 of my cantorial colleagues) as part of a historical, emotional and inspirational mission connecting you to 1,000 years of Jewish history in Poland and to 4,000 years of history in our ancestral homeland. The dates are June 29–July 12, 2009, with seven days in Poland and seven days in Israel. Highlights in Poland include visits and concerts in Warsaw and Krakow, a moving memorial at Auschwitz, daily lectures with renowned scholar Dr. Stephen Berk and a Shabbat celebration with 100 cantors. In Israel you will participate in special concerts at Masada, the Hatzerim Air Force Base and HaYarkon Park in Tel Aviv, Shabbat in Jerusalem and much more. There will be tracks for first time visitors to Israel, and new experiences for those who have visited before. The trip will offer engagement for adults, families and of course music lovers. It can be done as a full two week experience, or you can attend either week separately. I look forward to sharing details of this amazing mission with you.

Please contact me at 212-369-2600, ext.125 or nabramson@pasyn.org if you're interested in learning more about this trip.



Purim Spiel

Riding on the success of last year's "The Megillah According to Broadway" we will once again put on a Purim Spiel. This year's original musical drama will be performed on Monday night, March 9, 2009. We need actors, singers, script consultants, costume and stage crews, musicians, dancers, photographers and of course an involved audience. Mandatory Sunday rehearsals will begin in January.

For all those interested in participating in all tasks (other than audience), please contact Cantor Abramson at 212-369-2600, ext.125 or nabramson@pasyn.org. Everyone is welcome!

P.A.S Is Just a Klik Away



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Sign up for e-mail notifications! Communicate with clergy and staff!

Ongoing Classes *no pre-registration necessary*



Essential Essays | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, instructor | Tuesday mornings | 8:00–8:45 am

Join us to discuss essays on Jewish philosophy, theology and thought. Essays are available for pick-up in the flyer rack near the front desk.



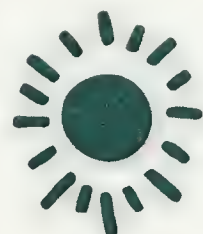
Jewish Thought in Our Day | Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructor | Tuesdays | 11:00 am

We will read and discuss short essays which focus on Jewish thought and theology in our days. These will be contemporary writers about the philosophy and religious approaches of Jews in the 21st century.



Mishnah Musings | Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructor | Thursdays, December 4, 11, and 18 | 8:00–8:45 am

Join us to discuss the most basic text of Jewish practice, the Mishnah. We will explore the philosophy of Jewish religious life as expressed in the second most important book in Jewish religion after the Bible. Study sheets are available in the flyer rack near the front desk.



Lunch 'n' Learn | Thursdays | 11:00 am–1:00 pm

A great way to meet others and share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the synagogue's professional leadership. Topics, presented by members of our Clergy and Education staff, are varied and lend themselves to stimulating discussion and study. Join us anytime, bring a friend and a kosher dairy lunch (coffee will be served).

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Learn Hebrew on Mondays | December 1, 8, 15—the conclusion of the first trimester | \$ ☺

Trimester 1 (Fall) | October 27–December 15

Trimester 2 (Winter) | January 5–March 16

Trimester 3 (Spring) | March 23–May 11

Siddur (Prayer Book) Hebrew

Siddur Hebrew is geared for students interested in developing their proficiency in our prayer services—whether the daily Minyan, Shabbat or holidays.

Siddur (Prayer Book) Hebrew/Beginner | Dina Mann, instructor | Mondays | 6:30–7:30 pm

No prior knowledge of Hebrew necessary. Introduction to the alphabet and basic reading skills with an emphasis on prayer book Hebrew.

Siddur (Prayer Book) Hebrew/Intermediate | Sarah Gribetz, instructor | Mondays | 6:30–7:30 pm

Selected prayers from the daily, Shabbat and holiday services are explored for their meaning as well as increased proficiency in reading. Newcomers welcome.

Conversational Hebrew

Conversational Hebrew is intended for those students interested in Hebrew as a modern language. Courses focus on spoken Hebrew, with an emphasis on grammar and oral skills. Reading and writing are also addressed.

Conversational Hebrew/Beginner | Andi Meiseles, instructor | Mondays | 7:30–8:30 pm

No prior knowledge required. Reading, writing and speaking skills will be introduced in a fun and relaxing environment.

Conversational Hebrew/Intermediate | Andi Meiseles, instructor | Mondays | 6:30–7:30 pm

Reading, speaking, grammar, writing and increased proficiency are the goals of this class. Newcomers welcome.

Conversational Hebrew/Advanced | Varda Hubara, instructor | Mondays | 7:30–8:30 pm

Students read, write and speak in an effort to perfect their fluency and excitement for using Hebrew in practice. A great place to enhance your knowledge and spend an hour conversing in Hebrew with fellow congregants. Newcomers welcome.

The Sacred Theater "What Are We Acting Out During the Prayer Service?"

Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructor | Mondays | 7:30–8:30 pm

Prayer includes ritual expression, and ritual usually includes prayer. Ritual has been described as the “sacred theater” of prayer in which events of the past are relived, and the future is felt. In this course we will explore the rituals associated with the prayer services, with a view of seeing the prayer texts as scripts and each of us as players in Jewish “sacred theater.” We will learn about when and why do we bow, step forward or backward, raise our glance or lower it? We will address all of these questions and more, and put them all in the context of the development of Jewish prayers and prayer services.

Hebrew Texts for Hebrew Speakers | Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructor | Mondays | 6:30–7:30 pm

The study of Hebrew texts is pitched for Hebrew speakers [Israelis and others fluent in Hebrew] who want an intimate environment to read and discuss topical Hebrew texts and essays with other fluent members of our community.

\$ ☺ Registration required. \$50/member; \$75/non member per trimester. All Classes will take place Mondays. The first trimester—Trimester 1 (Fall)—is October 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15. To register, contact Sarah Gribetz at sgribetz@pasyn.org or ext. 142.

When one loves *tzedakah* and justice, the earth is filled with God's loving-kindness. —Psalm 33:5

Kol Nidre Appeal 2008/5769

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have given to our annual Kol Nidre Appeal through October 31, 2008. Your generous donations helped Park Avenue Synagogue launch our next 125 years under Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove. We hope you found this holiday season meaningful, enjoyable and inspirational.

The Kol Nidre Appeal is one of the most important synagogue-wide fundraising campaigns that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual synagogue operating budget in countless ways. We are under new financial pressure because: —*Membership dues account for only 36% of the \$8 million operating budget; and tuition accounts for another 39%; leaving 25% to be raised in other ways;*

—*Our security and insurance costs have more than tripled in recent years;*

—*The economic situation has put financial pressure on many of our members and it is up to the rest to support our synagogue.*

More than ever, we need your generous contributions. It is very important that all congregants contribute to this annual appeal.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have given. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a Kol Nidre pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

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Bikur Cholim

Barbara L. Kahn, *in honor of Susan Lincoln and Joanne Davis, who gave of themselves so unstintingly, by preparing our home after the funeral of my husband, Richard Kahn.*
Josephine Berger Nadler, *in memory of Richard Kahn, beloved husband of Barbara Kahn.*
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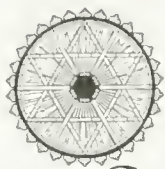
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Bernice Banschick.
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E.J. Borrack, *in memory of Edith Zitwer, beloved mother of Mary Zitwer Millman.*
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January 23–24, 2009 | Shabbaton 2009

Theme: *"The Presidency, the Jews and the National Interest: Integral Parts of the American Mosaic"*

Keynote speaker: **Robert Dallek**, *noted Presidential Historian*

Guest speakers: **Jay Footlick and Noam Neusner**, *former White House Jewish Liaisons*

Guest Musician: **Josh Nelson**

Wednesday, February 25 | YCG Annual Cooking Event | *details TBA*

Saturday, February 28, 2009 | Park Avenue Synagogue Gala 2009

7:30 pm Cocktails | 8:30 pm Dinner Dance | *Park Avenue Synagogue*

Honoring past Chairman Amy A.B. Bressman and Celebrating our Community.

It is not too late for you to join the Gala Committee—have fun and be part of the party action.

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